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The Scratching Post

ConFurence 10, Issue 1: Thursday, April 1, 1999

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It's A Furry Con!!!

Well, after 15 LONG months of planning since our last convention, the 11th year of ConFurence is now under way.

Main Theme:

"Looking Back at 10 Years of ConFurence"

History, folks. This is all about furry history.

We have dedicated The Brittany Room specifically as a display for historical furry items.

If you're a long-time furry fan, drop by and take a walk down memory lane. If you're new to fandom, check out how we've progressed over the years.

Alternate Theme 1:

"CF-X: The Fur is out There"

Strange things are happening this weekend. Something about a "Party-X" has been floating around that has piqued the interest of Agents Fox and Squirrely.

ConFurence has been made aware that Party-X is going to be held late night Saturday... more details will be available as we get them.

Alternate Theme 2:

"The Year of the Bunny"

Yes, it's the Chinese year of the Rabbit, and this works well with this being Easter Weekend!

Besides seeing lots of bunnies throughout the weekend, we are also holding Easter Services and an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday morning.

Where... What... Who...?

The ConFurence information desk is set up right next to Registration in the Mission Foyer.

Our helpful Info Desk volunteers are always kept up to date about any changes throughout the con, and will be happy to pass that info along to any lost or confused furries.

San Diego Zoo & San Diego Wild Animal Park

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Rumor Control:

ConFurence did not obtain Dealer Space at another hotel. However, we were made aware that a local fur named "Witchcat" rented space on his own at the Quality Resort (a.k.a.: Mission Valley Inn) just a few minutes walking distance on Hotel Circle South. ConFurence itself is not involved in any planning of this additional space.

Signs and Flyers

We all know that fan conventions always end up with lots of last minute room parties and other info that can best be distributed by papering the walls of the convention hotel with flyers.

The Town & Country Hotel has stated that we can only put signs and flyers up on easels. No signage is to be taped to any wall or door in the entire facility.

We have an official Press Liaison this year.

To avoid problems that have arisen in previous years, all attending members of the press are required to check in with the Press Liaison in Con-Ops.

In addition, the Press Liaison will be escorting the press and will have release forms available for anyone that the Press interviews.

You are under no obligation to speak with the press, but if you do, the release form frees any footage they get from you for their use, publication, (exploitation), etc.

Also, since the Press will not be allowed in the Fursuit Presentation, we have scheduled a special second presentation where those Fur-suiters who don't want to be photographed or videotaped can elect not to attend. This second viewing will also be open to anyfur who wants to attend.

Contacting CF Staff

If there are any emergencies that need to be brought up with one of the Lead staff members, keep in mind that we now have over 100 Staff Members, and even more at-con volunteers helping us out.

If you have any questions, start first at Convention Operations in the El Camino Room (The first room upstairs from the artist's Alley)

All Volunteers, Please Read:

Even if you are pre-registered to volunteer in a particular department, YOU MUST CHECK IN with the volunteer coordinators in Con-Ops (El Camino Room). Also, if you have any spare time, drop by to see if they need additional assistance.

By the way... we always need additional volunteers to help us keep everything flowing. Volunteers who work the minimum number of hours will have their choice of getting their membership reimbursed, or a new membership pre-registered for next year's ConFurence 11.

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ConFurence 10, Issue 2: Friday, April 2, 1999

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Wild Animal Park ticket includes admission and a guided monorail tour through the park. This \$19.90 value is **available through CF for \$14.50** (\$10 for children ages 3 to 12).

If you buy the tickets here, they are good until June 26.

First Aid Room

For those in need, we have an official "Emergency" or "First Aid" room in room 1115 (on the First floor in the West Tower).

New Info: There is an ATM on-site in front of The Hotel Lobby.

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Dealers:

Important New Information

Due to information supplied by the state, we **must** have a photocopy of your seller's permit before you can set up! This also applies to Artist's Alley.

Choir Practice

For those who signed up for the "ConFurence Choir" (singing songs from "Simba's Pride") the practice session is at Noon on Saturday in the Writer's Lounge.

Curious? Drop on in!

Did you attend ConFurence 0?

If you were at ConFurence Zero, please try to attend the "10 Years of ConFurence" panel at 4pm today in the Pearl Possum (Garden Room, above "Charlie's Food Fun and Spirits").

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Videographers:

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Audience Participation:

"The Lion King"

The 10:30pm presentation of the Lion King in the Video Room is an Audience Participation version, better known as "The Rocky Horror Lion King".

See Gabrielle Gentile (the guy with the red bandana) at the Disco Chicken table in Artist's Alley.

Schedule Changes

- Purple Nurpie tonight will be from 9pm to Midnight in the Lecture Hall.
- The Fur le Dance will last later than indicated in the program, but should start at 10pm as shown.

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ConFurence 10, Issue 3: Saturday Morning, April 3, 1999

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Open Gaming

Not just for tournaments, the Open Gaming Rooms (Dover and Stratford) are adjacent to the main pool area.

Stop in any time if you want to get your gaming fix.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

We've had to delay several events today because we are short on gophers to help out with Convention Operations.

PLEASE, Please, please if you are willing to help out, check in at Con-Ops in the El Camino Room (just upstairs from the Dealer's Den).

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Pizza Delivery

People have been having trouble finding the numbers for local Pizza Delivery facilities, and we all know how important pizza is at a convention.

I strongly recommend DeLuca's Pizza at 280-0449. If Dennis (my mundane brother) delivers, tip him well! ☺

The La Mesa Pizza Hut @ 571-0110 also delivers to the Hotel Circle area.

Quick Announcements:

- Leslie Fish won the Filk contest with her song "Invasion"
- Open Filking continues through the weekend in the Claendon room.
- Murphy's World run by M Panthera will be going on right after the Costume Presentation.
- Our Artist Guest of Honor Mary Hanson Roberts' new Tarot book is premiering at this event. The book is available at the "Margaret Mannatt" table in the Dealer's Den.
- Final Art Show Bidding closes at 12:00 Noon Sunday.

Schedule Changes

- Open Filking is in the Writer's Lounge in the Clarendon, not in Pearl Possum.

- The Cabaret "Fur le Dance" will last later than indicated in the program, but should start at 10pm as shown.
- Patricia Wrede will be signing her books Sunday from 1 to 2 in the Dealer's Den at the table for Margaret Mannatt Fine Books.

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CF11 Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration for next year's CF11 will be available at the ConFurence Store starting at 12Noon on Sunday.

We don't have a hotel or an exact date yet, but it will be in spring of 2000, somewhere in Southern California.

Pre-Registration will be \$25 until the end of this convention, \$35 until the end of this year, and \$45 after January 1, 2000 when the world comes to an end (just kidding).

ConFurence Store

The ConFurence Store is set up alongside Registration in the Mission Foyer. We have the Official CF10 T-shirts available in all Fan sizes.

Tickets to tonight's Pizza Feed (which is in the Tiki Hut at 5pm are \$5. That's just HALF the price form last year, so get them NOW!

Tickets to the Cabaret Fur le Dance are \$10 per person.

We also have Program Books from past conventions for \$5 each.



ConFurence 11

"Furries in Asia"

subtheme: the Year of the Dragon

We expect to have a definite time and place by the end of April.

When: Spring, 2000

Where: Somewhere in Southern California.

Guest of Honor:

Christopher Rowley

Author of the Battledragon Series

ConFurence 11 Membership Form

Real Name (required)

Alias/Handle

Phone Number

(optional, but it really helps if we have it)

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email Address (optional) _____

Qty	Item	Each	Total
	Pre-Registration (Supporting only)	\$15	
	Pre-registration (Attending) on April 4 th only	\$25	
	Pre-Registration (Attending) through December 31, 1999	\$35	
	Pre-Registration (Attending) after January 1, 2000	\$45	
	Sponsorship*	\$25 extra	
	Super Sponsorship* through December 31, 1999	\$75 extra	

*Sponsorships are in addition to the cost of any supporting or attending membership fees.

Please make your Check or Money Order made out to **ConFurence**. Send memberships and any requests for information (dealer's table, art show, artist's alley, costume presentation, programming, guests, etc.) to:

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